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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. A copy of the non-English language patent documents and counterpart abstracts are also enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action has not been received in the above-identified application, neither a Statement, Petition, nor payment of a fee is required

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REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 8-328346 is discussed at least at page 3, line 19 through page 4, line 5 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Document No. 8-44183 is discussed at least at page 2, line 26 through page 3, line 18 of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 5,565,973 is identified as being in the patent family of Japanese Patent Document No. 8-44183.

Japanese Patent Document No. 6-102758 is discussed at least at page 4, lines 6 through 14 of the specification.

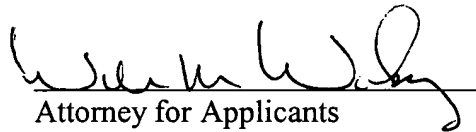
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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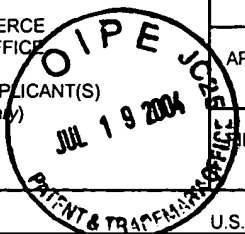
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		8-328346	12/13/96	Japan			Abstract
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
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